

**TOWN OF EATON
JUNE 8,2021
REGULAR MEETING**

The Eaton Town Council met in a regular meeting. Roger Wells, Teresa Welsh, Dustin Reese and Clay McDaniel are present. Daniel Blankenship is absent.

Roger Wells called the meeting to order.

Joe Ratliff, Water Operator Trainee, stated Well 5 is having electrical issues it failed to cycle off. He called in Peerless to walk him thru fixing it.

Derrick Newby and Joe Ratliff installed the mailbox on Indiana Avenue and West Street by the new lift station.

Joe Ratliff finished the concrete work for the drain he installed at Harris and Hartford Street.

Joe Ratliff went over his monthly Water Operations Report.

Jeff Fish from Commonwealth stated that the 2020 Consumer Confidence Reports should be done by the end of the day tomorrow. Ratliff is also getting ready to start Lead and Copper testing.

Dustin Reese made a motion to approve the minutes for May 11,2021 regular meeting. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Police Chief Turner informed the Council about Deputy Chief Liggett being awarded the Ball Brothers Grant again this year. It is for \$4,000 towards radar units and \$1,000 towards K9 equipment.

Chief Turner talked about upcoming events happening at Ag Best and about a Wounded Warrior Ride.

Chief Turner said that the Police Department will be helping block roads for the Jack Tapy Community Day and 5k Run & Walk.

Chief Turner presented the Council with a quote from MPH Industries, Inc. for two radar guns and equipment for \$3,999.00. Discussion followed. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the quote from MPH Industries, Inc. for \$3,999.00 for two radar guns. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Travis Hunt, Wastewater Operator, presented the Council with a quote from Reynolds Farm Equipment for a new 62" mower deck for \$1,750.00 and a quote from Reynolds for \$2,058.02 for parts to redo the current mower deck. Discussion followed. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve up to \$1,825.00 to purchase the new 62" mower deck and a couple belts. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Travis Hunt also let the Council know that the price on the Digester Blowers, he needs has went up \$3,000.00. Making the total now \$109,898.59. Titan Electrics price stayed the same at \$27,874.00. Making the project cost \$137,772.59. Discussion followed. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve \$137,772.59 with Rachel from Commonwealth getting ahold of USDA to possible use grant funds to help. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Travis Hunt updated the Council on the culvert replacement project on 1000 N. He said the pipe should be in this week. He also wants A&G Drain & Sewer Service to camera Hartford/Indiana storm drain along with South Street again. Discussion followed. Hunt is to check Hartford/Indiana drain should still be under warranty.

Eric Smith told the Council he got the bids for the Legion Building in Norseman Park. Discussion followed. The lease with American Legion was for 99 years for \$1.00. They were to do the upkeep on the building. Teresa Welsh made a motion to table the quotes until Daniel Blankenship is back. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried. Bids were not opened.

Eric Smith would like permission to purchase six different shovels to be split between the departments. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve up to \$325.00. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Eric Smith would like to take a vacation June 28 thru July 5. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve Smith's vacation. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Fire Chief Newby informed the Council that the contract for the little space of land from the school has been signed by Daniel Blankenship and sent to Delaware Community Schools for their signature.

Chief Newby presented a quote from Menards to fix the broken areas in the fence and build a gate for \$1,430.22. Discussion followed. Teresa Welsh made a motion to not exceed \$2,000.00 for the materials needed to fix the fence and install a gate. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Chief Newby stated that five lights in the park can be replaced by IMP. Teresa Welsh made a motion to get the five lights replaced in Danny Howard Park. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried. Chief Newby also discussed getting the lights in Town switched over to LED. Roger Wells wants Chief Newby to go ahead and try to get seven a month switched over until the Town is Totally converted.

Chief Newby discussed Union Township not being able to give any amounts for what they can do to help with the Fire Truck purchase. They want to help but just do not have the numbers yet. Discussion followed. Chief Newby said he had another company approach him about giving us a quote on a fire truck. He is going to investigate the company and see if he can see one of their trucks. Discussion followed.

Derek Mitchell stated EBSA would like to have inflatables and dunk tank on closing day at Danny Howard Park. He has contacted the Town's insurance and there are not any issues. Closing Day is June 19th. Teresa Welsh made a motion to have Daniel Blankenship work in the dunk tank. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Rachel Runge with Commonwealth Engineers went over the Sewage/Stormwater Project. Atlas will be back 6/9 for a month to work on their punch list. Pay App #23 for \$97,048.81, will bring Atlas up to date on the work they have completed minus the retainage.

Culy Excavating is done with installing hydrants and stop valves. Council was presented with Pay app #5 for \$114,512.99 and #6 for \$27,210.35. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve pay apps 5 and 6 for \$141,732.34. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Rachel Runge, with Commonwealth Engineers, informed the Council that the easements have been dropped off and would like them done by June or July. Travis Hunt and Joe Ratliff are committed to work two days a week on the easements until complete.

Rachel also needs the Town's ADA Plan, Clerk-Treasurer will get it sent to her. Discussion followed.

Roger Wells stated they are getting closer to giving out quotes for new trucks. Travis Hunt and Roger Wells will have quotes for next month's meeting.

Council was presented with a building permit from Kenny Yoder 711 S. East Union Street, for a deck. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the permit pending Joe Ratliff signs off on it once he talks to Mr. Yoder. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Building permit for Ryan McCune at 710 E. Indiana Avenue. Derek Mitchell stated that the building is not five feet off the property line and the McCune's have someone coming to move it. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the permit once it is moved to meet the setbacks. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Chelsea Adamson talked about her building permit for a new house at 1102 S. Romy Street. Discussion followed. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve the permit and extended the permit out 120 days instead of the regular 30 days. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Meeting recess.

Meeting continued.

Council was informed that Westrock installed new sewer lines to our mains. Travis Hunt is to get with Chris Eaton at Westrock and see about running dye test to make sure all lines are draining into the proper lines.

Mr. Marquell has resigned from the Planning Commission Board. Brenda Brumley is who Daniel Blankenship recommends for the open spot. Dustin Reese made a motion to appoint Brenda Brumley on the Planning Commission Board. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Scott Lamperd at 207 S. Meridian Street is having sewage problems. Travis Hunt is waiting for their line to get videoed so it can be sent to Commonwealth Engineers to see where exactly the problem is and who is responsible. Currently their line runs thru the middle of the property to the North. Discussion followed. Dustin Reese made a motion to have our lawyer send a letter to the Lambers recommending he fix the issue, and the Town is not responsible for any current or future issues. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Dustin Reese brought up having too many employees off at one time. He thinks there should be at least two employees here. Discussion followed. Dustin Reese made a motion that no more than two employees can be off at the same time Monday thru Friday. Clay McDaniel seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer went over compensation pay out rules. Any employee that is at 240 hours will be paid weekly for any overtime. Employees cannot accumulate over 240 hours of compensation time. Discussion followed.

First Church of God presented the Council with the route and flyer for the 3rd Annual Jack Tapy Community Day and Jim Schwarzkopf 5k Run & Walk. Teresa Welsh made a motion to approve


the in-town part of the route for the 5K. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

Renee Lambert at 319 N. Hartford Street would like for the Council to consider giving them some of the Town's easement at the corner of Hartford and Davis Street. Discussion followed. Council decided not to take any action. Mrs. Lambert was not present at the meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer presented the Council with the invoice from Menards to fix the electrical box on the Legion Building at Norseman Park for \$41.15. Discussion followed. Teresa Welsh made a motion to bill the American Legion for the part. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

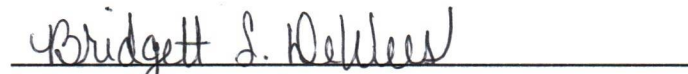
Teresa Welsh made a motion to sign the claim docket. Dustin Reese seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.

There being no further business to be brought before the Council at this time Clay McDaniel made a motion to adjourn. Teresa Welsh seconded the motion. Vote was 4/0. Motion carried.



Daniel Blankenship, Council President

Attest:


Bridgett S. DeWees, Clerk-Treasurer